Chapter 9.—Bills and Remittances.

[C. A. C., Article 139 (1).]

Payment of Telegraphic Transfers.

161. The use of the telegraph for ordering payments of money is a well-established practice, and with ordinary care on the part of Treasury Officers there should be no room for the commission of fraud. Such telegrams are issued only in favour of Government Departments, or of well-known and respectable persons or firms, whose names are a sufficient guarantee for the genuineness of the telegrams issued in their favour. Where a Treasury Officer receives a telegram purporting to come from the Accountant General directing payment to persons or firms who are unknown or of doubtful character, he should invariably defer payment till receipt of proper authority by post, or refer the matter to the Accountant General by urgent telegram.